

Application Serial No.: 10/092,476

Amendment dated March 2, 2004
Reply to Office Action of 09/02/2003**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant's invention provides a motor which, as recited in claim 1, includes a spacer having a greater coefficient of linear expansion than the material of the upper (and lower) rings of the bearing device rotatably supporting the motor rotational member.

In the pending Official Action, the Examiner rejects claim 1, as well as claim 2 and dependent claims 3-8, under 35 USC 103 over Chuta US Patent 5,138,209 in view of Tarrant US Patent 3,986,754.

The Examiner admits that the '209 reference fails to disclose a spacer made of material larger in its coefficient of linear expansion than that of the upper and lower outer rings, but asserts that Tarrant '754 discloses a bearing with a spacer made of material larger in its coefficient of linear expansion than that of the upper and lower outer rings to provide a proper axial fit-up.

Applicant respectfully submits that the '754 reference fails to disclose a spacer which is made of material having a larger coefficient of linear expansion between the outer ring on the deep-grooved ball bearing, as recited in the rejected claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the pending Official Action fails to identify a basis for rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103, and more particularly fails to provide a *prima facie* showing of obviousness of the claim recitations over the art applied thereto.

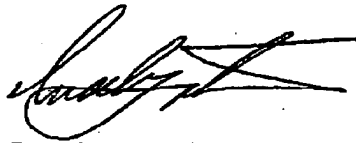
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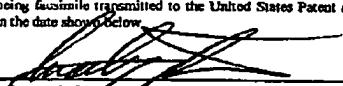
It is accordingly submitted that reconsideration is in order of the rejections set forth in the Action dated September 2, 2003, and an indication that the pending claims in the pending application are patentable thereover.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. In order to expedite resolution of any remaining issues and further to expedite passage of the application to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed local telephone number if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

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